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Learn

PSATS educational events will be listed as follows: Mondays – All webinars; Tuesdays – Administrative; Wednesdays – Planning/Zoning; Thursdays – Public Works; Fridays – Public Safety.

Flagger Training

This instructor-led Flagger Training will be conducted for individuals who have flagging responsibilities on ANY ROAD OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Others who would benefit from this course include: utility companies working on low volume roads, law enforcement personnel, municipal managers and elected officials (to understand the importance, and for budgeting purposes).



- [5/3/22 - Chester County](#)
- [5/18/22 - Chester County](#)
- [5/20/22 - Washington County](#)
- [5/23/22 - Blair County](#)
- [6/1/22 - York County](#)
- [6/10/22 - Erie County](#)
- [6/15/22 - Berks County](#)

Township Video News



TVN's Question of the Week | How do we reflect that a public hearing was transcribed by a third party?

Watch this week's Q&A to gain more insight on the Sunshine Law and what to include when using a third party for transcriptions. Also, [click here](#) to catch up on previous Questions of the Week.

Latest News

Conference Attendees Hear from Gubernatorial Candidates

On the final day of the PSATS 2022 Annual Conference in Hershey, PA, delegates heard from gubernatorial candidates at a forum. All candidates were invited and attendees had the opportunity to submit questions in advance. The candidates were asked questions on a number of township-related issues, including transportation funding, Pennsylvania State Police fees, and state partnerships with local government. For press coverage on the event, [click here](#). PSATS encourages you to share this coverage with your local media as they may only see the coverage of the televised forum with only 4 candidates from later the same day (where 2 candidates who did not have time for the PSATS Conference did appear).

DEP Awards Funding for Recycling and Leaf-Collection Programs

\$30.5 million in Recycling Development and Implementation Grants were awarded to 157 county and municipal governments for recycling collections and education,

as well as leaf litter pickup. Many townships were recipients of these grants. To learn more, and to view the list of awardees, [click here](#).

Today in History....

On April 28, 1955 Helicopter pilot Jean Ross Howard Phelan founded the Whirly-Girls organization along with 13 international charter members. While training at Bell Helicopter School in Fort Worth, Texas, Lawrence Bell nicknamed Ross Howard Phelan a “whirly-girl” inspiring her to use the name for the organization. In the organization’s more than six decades, it has promoted the advancement of women helicopter pilots, charitable aviation, mentoring, scholarship and camaraderie.

Legislation & Policy

The following bills passed the House yesterday:

[HB 978](#) would amend the Right-to-Know Law to further clarify that personal financial information, such as account passwords, tax forms, benefit election forms, account information, and dependent information, is confidential. The bill would also protect township account numbers, routing numbers, credit card numbers, and PINs from disclosure. This bill would address a PSATS resolution.

[HB 2097](#) would set the minimum staffing for a Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance in a county of county of the fifth, sixth, seventh, or eighth class as an emergency medical service (EMS) vehicle operator and an EMS operator that is an emergency medical technician (EMT) or above.

The House Local Government Committee met yesterday and reported out the following bills:

[HB 1462](#) would mandate that municipalities mail notifications to each property owner of a change in a special flood hazard area map by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. PSATS is opposed to HB 1462 in its current form as an unfunded mandate.

[HB 2428](#) would amend the Sunshine Law to create rules for broadcasting hybrid and livestream meetings and accepting remote public comment and would require posted public notices and agendas to include the method of broadcast and whether remote public comments would be accepted.

[HB 2253](#) would authorize municipalities to hold emergency meetings in another location, including another municipality, or to hold a fully remote meeting if a disaster emergency is declared by the governor or the local government and it is unsafe, hazardous to human health, or impossible to conduct a public meeting at the location where the municipality’s meetings are normally held.

[HB 2104](#) was amended and approved by the House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee yesterday. HB 2104 would establish statewide requirements for the decommissioning and bonding of solar energy facilities, which would preempt local solar decommissioning regulations. Bonds and a decommissioning plan would be required to be filed with the recorder of deeds. PSATS has concerns with the preemption language.

[HB 2524](#) was amended and reported from House State Government Committee. The bill would amend the Right-to-Know Law to implement a number of reforms, including language to address vexatious requests, commercial fees, and a number of other RTKL issues. The bill would address several PSATS resolutions.

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